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President: Mr. BUTLER (Australia)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.25 p.m.

ELECTIONS, NOMINATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS (continued) (E/1994/6)

United Nations Children's Fund (continued)

The CHAIRMAN invited the Council to conduct elections for the vacancies on the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund to be filled by the Group of Asian States, the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, and the Group of Western European and Other States.

Mr. KITTIKHOUN (Lao People's Democratic Republic), speaking on behalf of the Group of Asian States, said that the Group was proposing the candidacies of India, Indonesia and Lebanon to fill three of the seven vacancies to be filled by Asian States.

The CHAIRMAN said that, should the Council decide to accept the proposal by the Group of Asian States, it should be understood that it was not the usual practice of the plenary Assembly, but represented an exceptional situation which did not constitute a precedent. He would take it that the Council wished to elect the three candidates proposed by the Group of Asian States and hold elections for the four remaining vacancies.

It was so decided.

India, Indonesia and Lebanon were elected members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund by acclamation.

The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect by secret ballot four members from the Group of Asian States to fill the remaining vacancies for that Group.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Mousa (Cameroon) and Mr. Biggar (Ireland) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

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| Number of ballot papers: | 54 |
| Number of invalid ballots: | 2 |
| Number of valid ballots: | 52 |
| Abstentions: | 0 |
| Number of members voting: | 52 |

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| Required majority: | 27 |
| Number of votes obtained: | |
| China: | 45 |
| Philippines: | 45 |
| Republic of Korea: | 36 |
| Pakistan: | 34 |
| Nepal: | 25 |
| Democratic People's Republic of Korea: | 14 |
| Yemen: | 5 |
| India: | 1 |
| Indonesia: | 1 |

Having obtained the required majority, China, Pakistan, Philippines and the Republic of Korea were elected members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund.

The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect by secret ballot five members from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Maddens (Belgium) and Mr. Tissot (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

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| Number of ballot papers: | 54 |
| Number of invalid ballots: | 0 |
| Number of valid ballots: | 54 |
| Abstentions: | 0 |
| Number of members voting: | 54 |
| Required majority: | 28 |
| Number of votes obtained: | |
| Suriname: | 50 |
| Colombia: | 45 |
| Brazil: | 44 |
| Costa Rica: | 44 |
| Jamaica: | 41 |
| Nicaragua: | 35 |
| Venezuela: | 1 |

Having obtained the required majority, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Jamaica and Suriname were elected members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund.

The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect by secret ballot 12 members from the Group of Western European and Other States.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Almeida (Angola) and Miss Carey (Bahamas) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

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| Number of ballot papers: | 54 |
| Number of invalid ballots: | 0 |
| Number of valid ballots: | 54 |
| Abstentions: | 0 |
| Number of members voting: | 54 |
| Required majority: | 28 |
| Number of votes obtained: | |
| Germany: | 49 |
| United States of America: | 49 |
| France: | 49 |
| Italy: | 49 |
| Canada: | 48 |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: | 47 |
| Australia: | 46 |
| Netherlands: | 46 |
| Japan: | 45 |
| Sweden: | 44 |
| Denmark: | 40 |
| Switzerland: | 32 |
| Finland: | 26 |
| Spain: | 21 |
| Turkey: | 21 |
| Austria: | 5 |
| Norway: | 2 |
| Portugal: | 2 |
| Greece: | 1 |

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| Ireland: | 1 |
| New Zealand: | 1 |
| San Marino: | 1 |

Having obtained the required majority, Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America were elected members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund.

The Council decided by the drawing of lots the terms of the members elected to both Executive Boards.

United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund

The PRESIDENT said that Bangladesh, Belgium, Denmark, Japan, Morocco, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Sierra Leone and Trinidad and Tobago would serve for a term of three years beginning on the date of the election and ending on 31 December 1996; Argentina, Bulgaria, India, Italy, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Sudan, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Uruguay would serve for a term of two years beginning on the date of the election and ending on 31 December 1995; Cameroon, Canada, China, Congo, Cuba, France, Gambia, Germany, Lesotho, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Slovakia and Somalia would serve for a term of one year beginning on the date of the election and ending on 31 December 1994.

United Nations Children's Fund

The PRESIDENT said that Brazil, Burkina Faso, France, Ghana, Indonesia, Italy, Jamaica, Lebanon, Romania, the United Kingdom and the United States of America would perform their duties for a period of three years, beginning on the date of the election and expiring on 31 December 1996; Australia, Belarus, Canada, Costa Rica, China, Germany, Mozambique, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, Suriname and Switzerland would perform their duties for a period of two years, beginning on the date of the election and expiring on 31 December 1995; and Angola, Azerbaijan, the Central African Republic, Colombia, Congo, Denmark, Ethiopia, India, Japan, the Netherlands, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, the United Republic of Tanzania and Sweden would perform their duties for a period of one year, beginning on the date of the election and expiring on 31 December 1994.

Elections carried over from previous meetings

Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development

The PRESIDENT said that the Government of Bulgaria had nominated Mr. Nikov to replace Mr. Penchev on the Committee. If he heard no objections, he would take it that the Council wished to elect Mr. Nikov (Bulgaria) by acclamation.

Mr. Nikov (Bulgaria) was elected a member of the Committee by acclamation.

BASIC PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE COUNCIL (continued) (E/1994/1 and Add.1 and E/1994/L.7 and Add.1 and 2)

Draft decision X entitled "Dates of the second session of the Commission on Sustainable Development" (E/1994/L.7)

The PRESIDENT reminded the members of the Council that a decision had been taken at the previous meeting to defer any decision concerning draft decision X contained in document E/1994/L.7. Following further consultations, he suggested that the second session of the Commission should be held from 16 to 27 May 1994 and that the high-level segment should be held on 26 and 27 May 1994. If he heard no objections, he would take it that the Council wished to adopt the draft decision.

Draft decision E/1994/L.7 was adopted.

Draft decision XVIII entitled "Operational activities segment of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council for 1994" (E/1994/L.7/Add.2)

Second paragraph (Day 1)

Mr. MONGBE (Benin) said that national statements could not be limited to five minutes, since what was involved was a high-level meeting, and it was not always possible to circulate written statements in advance.

After a discussion in which Mr. Mongbe (Benin), Mr. Bahadian (Brazil), Mr. Yegorov (Belarus), Mr. Dugan (United States of America), Miss Diop (Senegal), Mr. Isakov (Russian Federation), Mr. Hjelmaker (Observer for Sweden), Mr. Papadatos (Greece), on behalf of the European Union, and Mr. Carmichael (Canada) participated, Mr. Carmichael (Canada) proposed that in the first subparagraph, the words "by heads of agencies and national statements" should be deleted, and that the first sentence of the second subparagraph should read as follows: "To the extent possible, any written statements should be circulated in advance and any interventions limited to five minutes each".

The second paragraph (Day 1) of draft decision XVIII, as orally amended, was adopted.

Third paragraph (Day 2)

Mr. MONGBE (Benin) said that in the French version of the first subparagraph, the word "Conversations" should be replaced by "Dialogue". In the French version of the first sentence of the second subparagraph, the words "se borner" should be replaced by "se limiter".

The third paragraph (Day 2) of draft decision XVIII, as orally amended, was adopted.

Fourth paragraph (Days 3 and 4)

Mr. MONGBE (Benin) said that, in the French version of the introductory subparagraph, the word "officieuses" should be inserted after "discussions".

Miss JANJUA (Pakistan) said that, in the introductory subparagraph, mention should also be made of General Assembly resolution 47/199, dealing with the triennial policy review of operational activities for development, which was one of the topics to be discussed in the informal dialogue.

Mr. MONGBE (Benin) said that, in the French version of subparagraph (d), the word "Intégration" should be replaced by "Prise en compte effective".

Miss JANJUA (Pakistan) said that subparagraph (d) had been drafted on the basis of paragraph 16 (e) of General Assembly resolution 48/162, of 20 December 1993; that wording should be retained.

After a discussion in which the President, Mr. Mongbe (Benin), Miss Janjua (Pakistan), Ms. Yang Yanyi (China), Mr. Ramadan (Egypt), Miss Diop (Senegal), Mr. Carmichael (Canada) and Mr. Fernandez de Cossio Dominguez (Cuba) participated, Miss Janjua (Pakistan) proposed that subparagraph (d) should read as follows:

"Consideration of relevant recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Council and other relevant bodies in the light of policies established by the General Assembly, in order to take them into account, as appropriate, in the operational activities of the United Nations".

Mr. MONGBE (Benin) said that in the French text of subparagraph (e), the words "Définition d'une orientation et de recommandations" should be replaced by "Définition d'une orientation et adoption de recommandations", and

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that in the French text of subparagraph (f), the words "Préparatifs de" should be replaced by "Travail préparatoire pour".

The fourth paragraph (Days 3 and 4) of draft decision XVIII, as orally amended, was adopted.

Fifth paragraph (Day 5)

Mr. MONGBE (Benin) said that, in the French text, the words "établies d'un commun accord" should be replaced by "agréées".

The fifth paragraph (Day 5) of draft decision XVIII, as orally amended, was adopted.

Draft decision XVIII (Council decision 1994/218), as orally amended, was adopted.

After an exchange of courtesies, the President declared the organizational session of 1994 suspended.

The meeting rose at 6.30 p.m.